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Applicants: OHTOMO et al

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For: Thin Film Head, Producing Method Thereof

And Magnetic Disk Apparatus

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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February 24, 2005

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.